Construction of a Bridge at Kellodu in Hosdurga Taluk.

Q.—47. Mr. B. MARULAPPA (Hosdurga Taluk) and other Members of the Chitaldrug District.—Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that the Chief Engineer has received an estimate for the construction of a bridge at Kellodu in Hosdurga Taluk;

(*b*) what is the action taken by the Chief Engineer upon it;

(*c*) has he inspected the spot and studied the local conditions;

(*d*) is it not a fact that this matter has been brought to the notice of Government both in the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council for a long time;

(*e*) is it not a fact that the District Board of Chitaldrug have agreed to contribute one-half of the cost of the estimate;

(*f*) has not the Government agreed to meet the other half;

(*g*) are not the Government aware that the District Board has provided for their share of the cost in their Budget Estimates for 1935-36;

(*h*) whether it is not a fact that it was represented that the work should be immediately commenced with the quota of the District Board;

(*i*) if so, will the Government be pleased to start the work immediately utilising the District Board contribution?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

(*c*) The Chief Engineer intends to inspect after the project is received.

(*d*) and (*e*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*f*) This matter is under the consideration of Government.

(*g*) and (*h*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*i*) Will be considered after the estimate is received.

Nursing Staff of the Vani Vilas Hospital, Bangalore.

Q.—50. Mrs. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA (Special Interest).—Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) how many nurses were employed in the old Maternity Hospital;

(*b*) how many were newly employed in the new Maternity Hospital;

(*c*) is the present number sufficient to look after the patients?

A.—The GENERAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. H. V. Ramaswami).—

(*a*) 9 Nurses, in addition to one Matron and one Assistant Matron.

(*b*) 9 Nurses, making a total of 18 Nurses.

(*c*) Yes.

Mrs. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA.—What is the daily average of the number of patients in the hospital?

The SENIOR SURGEON (Sastravaidyapravina Dr. S. Subba Rao).—150 to 160.

Mrs. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA.—Would it be possible for these 18 nurses to attend to all the 160 patients satisfactorily?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—It would certainly be desirable to employ many more nurses. But it is obviously not possible, financially.

Mrs. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA.—Is it not a fact that all the 18 nurses are at present very much overworked?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—I do not think so.

Mrs. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the need for a large number of nurses is felt very much more in maternity hospitals than in men's hospitals?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—It is not so. In men's hospitals, a number of diseases are to be treated and the demand for nurses there is much greater than in the maternity hospitals.

Mrs. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA.—Would it not be possible to increase the number of nurses in the Vani Vilas Hospital? I have personally visited the hospital more than once and always felt that the nurses are over-worked.